(e) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) India is relatively unexplored as far as adventure tourism is concerned.

(b) Such classification of tourists presently does not exist.

(c) A Convention of Indian Association of Tour Operators was held at Shivpuri on 7-9th October, 98.

(d) The suggestions made by the participants of the above Adventure Conference were as follows:

(1) The Garhwal Himalayas to be declare as Eco Friendly zone.

(2) River Rafting in and around Shivpuri to be given more importance and developed.

(3) Adventure tourism needs to be given more importance by the Govt, in their brochures and by their overseas tourists Offices.

(4) Offbeat Adventure tourism must be published like ballooning para gliding, bungee jumping etc.

(e) The Government is in consonance with the recommendations of the Conference.

New Tourism Policy

462. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a new Tourism Policy;

(b) if so, the key features of the proposed Tourism Policy; and

(c) how long will it take for the new Policy to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Some of the salient features of the proposed Policy are: sustained economic development through tourism, diversification of tourism product and removal of regional imbalances, creating awareness, promotion of Eco-Tourism and Preservation of Natural Environment and Heritage, facilitating the development of dynamic private sector, promotion of domestic and international tourism, integrated development of important tourist destinations with the involvement of the Infrastructural departments of . Central Government, State Governments and Private Sector, development of tourism in the North East, Himalayan Region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep etc.

(c) the Action Plan derived from the proposed Policy has short term, and long term framework for implementation.

पर्यटन नीति

464. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी :** क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भारतीय पर्यटन उद्योग की अवसंरचना को ध्यान में रखते हुए इनके विकास के सबंध में सरकार को कोई निर्धारित नीति है,

(ख) क्या आज भी देश में अन्य उद्योगों की तुलना में पर्यटन उद्योग सर्वाधिक उपेक्षित है,

(ग) क्या भारत ने समय-समय पर पर्यटन के विकास और समस्याओं का अवलोकन किया है,

(घ) क्या भारत को अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर पर्यटन उद्योग का दर्जा प्राप्त करने में सघर्ष करना पडा है, और

(ड) शताब्दी के अंत तक भारतीय उद्योगों के संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

पर्यटन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ओमका अपांग) : (क) जी, हां । सरकार की, निजी क्षेत्र की भागीदारी के साथ पर्यटन के विकास हेतु एक निश्चित नीति है ।

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) जी, हां ।

(घ) हाल ही में हुई पर्यटन, वाणिज्यि तथा वित्त मंत्रियों की एक बैठक में, वार्षिक 6 करोड़ और अधिक रूपयों की विदेशी मुद्रा आय करने वाले पर्यटन संगठनों को निर्यात हाउस का दर्जा देने का निर्णय लिया गया है ।